

Improvement and developement projects



Easier access — Thanks to a group of Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven (NMCB-7), a new refueling pier was built on the Leeward side in June. The battalion completed an on-going project that provides fuel service to Navy and Coast Guard vessels coming to Guantanamo Bay. BUCN Joshua Dibenedetto, with NMCB-7, knocks the rust off a piece of scrap metal to use for a template for the new refueling pier.



Needed repairs — In June of this year Burns, Roe and Dick Corporation (BRDC) workers carry sandbags in order to shore-up the improved sea wall at Windmill Beach. Significant storm surges from Hurricane Dennis in 2005, damaged structures and littered beaches along the Guantanamo Bay coast. One of those beaches was Windmill Beach which was covered by storm surge up to 14 feet. Because of the damage, Windmill Beach was closed for quite some time, while personnel from the Public Works Dept. removed logs and boulders from cabana areas and surveyed the damage.



Customer satisfaction — RDML Mark Boensel, Commander, Navy Region Southeast, and Darnell Davis, Guantanamo Bay Airfield Facilities Manager, cut the ribbon opening the newly refurbished Leeward Air Terminal Hangar. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held May 15, during Boensel's visit to GTMO. Many different departments and contractors put their touches on this new gateway back to the states.



Understanding our surroundings — Learning about the area in which we live is very important to the legacy that we may leave behind. Our ecosystem is to be admired not destroyed. Zach Driskell, a first-grader at W. T. Sampson Elementary School, gets up close with a Cuban Iguana. The Reptile Show is throughout the year in GTMO.

"As long as I can conceive something better than myself I cannot be easy unless I am striving to bring it into existence or clearing the way for it," said George Bernard Shaw, Irish-born British Dramatist, 1856-1950.

The Gazette staff would like to thanks everyone who contributed photos and stories for the base newspaper throughout the year.